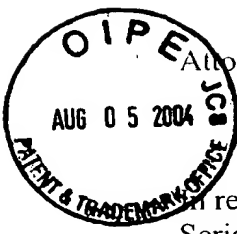


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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Request for Reconsideration to address the issues raised in the Official Action mailed May 6, 2004.

While no amendments have been made to the claims, a Listing of Claims is provided for the Examiner's convenience. The Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.